National Laprosy Eradication Programme

Year	Case Detection		Case Treatment		Case Discharge	
	Target	Achieve-ment	Target	Achieve-ment	Target	Achieve-ment
2002-03*	100	1940	100	1940	1450	1899

*As received from different States till 31 03 2003

National Programme for Control Blindness

Year	Cataract Operation	
	Target	Achievement
2002-03*	220000	188747

*As received from different States till 31 03 203

National Aids Control Programme

8 Major blood banks and 11 district blood banks have been established. 24 STD clinics have been set up 8 Voluntary Counselling and Testing Centres have been established 12 Targeted intervention Projects for vulnerable and marginalized high risk behaviour groups have been initiated during 2001-02 in Rajasthan

Female Infanticide

2031. SHRI K RAHMAN KHAN Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state

(a) whether it is a fact that the status of women has not improved and female 'infanticides/foeticides' are still prevalent despite several legislations enacted,

(b) if so, whether Government propose to amend Child Marriage Restraint Act and to provide for compulsory registration of marriages, and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ) (a) The status of women has substantially improved over the years in terms of higher life expectancy, literacy/ education levels and greater participation in the political and decision-

making processes. However, the lower sex ratio in the age group of 0-6 years, as compared to the overall sex ratio, in some States like Punjab, Haryana, Chandigarh, Delhi, Gujarat and Himachal Pradesh is a cause of concern. Details of cases of foeticide and female infanticide reported by the National Crime Record Bureau are given in the Statement enclosed (*See* below).

(b) and (c) The Child Marriage Restraint Act was amended in 1978 to fix the minimum age of marriage at 21 years for boys and 18 years for girls, and offences under the Act were made cognizable. At present, there is no proposal for amendments in the said Act. However, the National *Commission for Women and the National Human Rights Commission* have proposed certain amendments. Their recommendations have been circulated to all the State Government and Union Territory Administration for their comments/views. The National Population Policy, 2002 has also set the target of compulsory registration of marriages by 2010.

Statement

Cases of foeticide/female infanticide

Sl No	State/UT	Foeticide			Female Infanticide		
		2001	2002	2003*	2001	2002	2003*
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1	Andhra Pradesh	0	7	0	0	7	5
2	Arunachal Pradesh	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	Assam	0	0	1	0	1	0
4	Bihar	0	0	0	2	2	3
5	Chhattisgarh	5	7	5	3	2	2
6	Goa	0	0	0	0	0	0
7	Gujarat	4	0	1	1	0	0
8	Haryana	3	3	5	1	0	0
9	Himachal Pradesh	0	0	0	0	0	0
10	J&K*	0	0	1	0	0	0

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
11	Jharkhand	0	0	0	0	1	2
12	Karnataka	1	0	0	1	2	0
13	Kerala	0	0	0	0	3	0
14	Madhya Pradesh	7	6	6	7	18	2
15	Maharashtra	17	37	7	20	19	6
16	Manipur	0	0	0	0	0	0
17	Meghalaya	0	0	0	0	0	0
18	Mizoram	0	0	0	0	0	0
19	Nagaland	0	0	0	0	0	0
20	Orissa	0	0	0	1	1	0
21	Punjab	7	7	1	1	5	0
22	Rajasthan	8	10	7	0	6	1
23	Sikkim	0	0	0	0	0	0
24	Tamil Nadu	0	0	0	17	31	6
25	Tripura	0	0	0	0	0	0
26	Uttar Pradesh	1	0	0	0	1	0
27	Uttaranchal	0	0	0	0	0	0
28	West Bengal	0	0	0	0	0	0
29	A&N Islands	0	0	0	0	0	0
30	Chandigarh	0	0	0	0	0	0
31	Daman and Diu	0	0	0	0	0	0
32	D & N Haveli	2	0	0	0	0	0
33	Delhi	0	0	0	0	0	0
34	Lakshadweep	0	0	0	0	0	0
35	Pondicherry	2	0	0	0	0	0

* Upto June, 2003
NA Not Available